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IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY BUILDING NAMING

Action Requested: Consider Iowa State University's request to name the Iowa State University Basketball Practice Facility as the Sukup Basketball Complex.

Executive Summary: Iowa State University (ISU) requests approval to name the Iowa State University Basketball Practice Facility as the Sukup Basketball Complex in honor of the Sukup family. The Sukups have committed a lead gift of \$2 million for this facility. Their generous financial support of this new facility reflects the strong confidence that the Sukup family has in the quality of the ISU athletic programs and the positive role intercollegiate athletics can play for the University.

Eugene and Mary Sukup are Iowa natives with close ties to Iowa State University. Their sons, Charles and Steve, are both ISU graduates, as are their daughters-in-law, Mary and Vicki. All three of Steve and Vicki's children (Nick, Crystal and Emily) are also Iowa State graduates, as is Charles and Mary's daughter, Elizabeth. Charles and Mary's oldest son, Andrew, is a student at the University of Iowa and their youngest son, Jon, is currently attending Iowa State.

Eugene Sukup founded Sukup Manufacturing Co. in Sheffield, Iowa, in 1962 when he bought a grain bin to dry and store shelled corn and then patented the Stirway stirring machine, a horizontal auger. The Sukup family owns and operates this family business; Eugene served as president for 32 years and is now chairman of the board, while Mary, his wife of more than fifty years, serves as Corporate Secretary. Charles is the company president and Steve serves as vice president and chief financial officer.

The Sukup family has supported many projects across campus. In addition to being generous supporters of Cyclone athletics, the family has made gifts in support of Agriculture and Biosystems Engineering, the Hixson Lied Student Success Center and the Center for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods.

The \$8 million (construction and furnishings), 37,400 square foot ISU Basketball Practice Facility, occupied in September, is located on two acres of land on the northeast corner of Dickinson Avenue and South Dakota Avenue in Ames, west of the main campus. The facility has two full-sized practice gyms, one for the men's team and one for the women's team. There are also locker rooms, lounges, coaches' offices and reception areas for each team. The men's and women's teams share a sports medicine area, strength and conditioning room, equipment room, film theater and kitchen/workroom.

The University is grateful for the significant financial support the Sukup family is providing to Iowa State University.